

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A fixing device for an expansion valve (4), which is connected to two lines (5,6), of a motor vehicle air-conditioning system (1), the two lines (5,6) being positioned relative to each other by means of a line-positioning element (7; 7'; 7''), which is designed as a sheet-metal punched part, with two slots for receiving the lines, characterized in that the expansion valve (4) can be fitted and can be fixed in an at least twist-proof manner with the aid of the line-positioning element (7; 7'; 7'') on a housing (2) in which a part of the motor vehicle air-conditioning system (1) is arranged.
2. (Currently amended) The fixing device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the two slots (9) for receiving the lines (5,6) are arranged parallel to each other in the line-positioning element (7; 7'; 7'').
3. (Currently amended) The fixing device as claimed in ~~claim 1 or 2, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ two further slots (11) are provided in the positioning element (7), said slots serving to position and/or fix the line-positioning element (7) on the housing (2).
4. (Currently amended) The fixing device as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the two further slots (11) extend in a line toward each other at the longitudinal ends of the line-positioning element (7).
5. (Currently amended) The fixing device as claimed in ~~claim 1 or 2, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ two through holes (11') are provided in the positioning element (7'), said through holes serving to position and/or fix the line-positioning element (7') on the housing (2).

6. (Currently amended) The fixing device as claimed in claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein screws are inserted through the through holes ~~(11')~~ and are screwed into projections ~~(12')~~, which are designed as screw domes, of the housing ~~(2)~~.

7. (Currently amended) The fixing device as claimed in ~~claim 1 or 2, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the positioning element ~~(7'')~~ is inserted by its ends on the longitudinal sides into two projections ~~(12'')~~ which are designed as pocket-shaped receptacles and are formed on the housing ~~(2)~~.

8. (Currently amended) The fixing device as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pocket-shaped receptacles have ribs serving for guidance and spacing apart from the housing ~~(2)~~.

9. (Currently amended) The fixing device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the fixing device ~~(8; 8'; 8'')~~ is suitable for fitting the expansion valve (4) on the outer side of the housing ~~(2)~~ with respect to the heat exchanger ~~(3)~~.

10. (Currently amended) The fixing device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein at least one hole ~~(10)~~ is provided in the line-positioning element ~~(7; 7'; 7'')~~ to pass a screw through and to screw the same in the expansion valve (4).

11. (Currently amended) The fixing device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the housing ~~(2)~~ is of multi-part design, with a housing joint running transversely through the housing-side part of the fixing device ~~(8; 8'; 8'')~~.

12. (Currently amended) The fixing device as claimed in claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein in the housing joint an opening is provided through which protrudes at least one line ~~(5; 6)~~ which is connected to the expansion valve (4).

13. (Currently amended) An air-conditioning system for a motor vehicle, characterized by a fixing device (8; 8'; 8'') for an expansion valve (4) as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1.